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State Representative Gretchen Driskell Michigan's 52nd House District

Re: House Bill HB5043

The St. Clair County Health Department is providing official support of House Bill HB5043 to establish CrowdHydrology citizen science in Michigan.

The St. Clair County Health Department is the lead agency in St. Clair County for watershed planning and storm water management. The SCCHD closely follows the 2015 MDEQ Water Strategy recommendations, of which this CrowdHydrology aligns itself with. Data collected from these staff gages would provide the SCCHD in future watershed implementation projects with an effortless way to obtain information about stream flow and water quality in the county.

The SCCHD is in favor of this approach which may provide a more accessible pathway for citizens to understand and participate in water science-related projects and activities.

Sincerely,

Steve Demick, Director

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Environmental Health Division